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DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 30th December, 1888, FRANK A. COODWIN, late Chief Officer, American ship *State of Maine*. Aged 36 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1889.

His Excellency the Governor deserves the

thanks of the public of Hongkong for the

stringent measures he has recently adopted

for the purpose of abolishing the sale of

Manila lottery tickets in the Colony. The

'only distinction between the Chinese *Ts-fa*

and this Spanish official lottery is that the

former is conducted as a private and the

latter as a foreign Government speculation.

But such a distinction cannot for a moment

be entertained by the legislators of the

Colony. If public gambling is a forbidden

occupation, all forms and methods in which

it is carried on must be impartially

stamped out. The traffic in Manila lottery

tickets has been for years past carried

on to a vast extent, and as the Governor

very appropriately remarked, it disposes

of the Colony of a considerable amount

of money, which means impoverishing

Hongkong with a view to enrich a foreign

neighbour. Mr. Ryrie's rejoinder to

His Excellency's remarks at the

Legislative Council the other day,

as to some of our money eventually

coming back to us from Manila, was

doubtless intended as a joke, but any-

how that would be no justification that

we should invest in the lottery; nay, the very

fact of sending our money out with a view

to having it returned to us by the mere

process of chance is, if anything, gambling

pure and simple, and, as such, ought to

be placed under the same ban of proscription

as *Ts-fa*, Fan-tan, and any other form

of public gambling. We need not

dwell on the fundamental immorality

of the game represented by the Manila

lottery, as it is a well known thing. Like

all lotteries, the bulk of its profits reverts

to the original sellers—the Manila Govern-

ment. A cursory comparison of the

number of tickets issued and their total

value with the total of prizes to be drawn

is sufficient to show the intrinsic unfairness

of the concern. Add to it the fact that it

is an essentially foreign enterprise, and

we will be convinced of the ruinous policy

of employing our pockets to enrich our

neighbours.

So far the legislation of the Colony

has been enforced for the extirpation of

*Ts-fa* and Fan-tan—two sources of vice,

poverty, and corruption among the vast

Chinese community of this Island. Al-

though it is not yet known in what practical

manner the Manila lottery nuisance will

be railed upon and effectually abolished from

devise adequate measures for the suppression of a recognised evil.

We need not expatiate on the principle that gambling is an evil in order to be convinced of the necessity of crusading against it. At a short distance from this colony lies the old settlement of Macao, once the emporium of eastern trade, now the recognised capital of gambling. That colony is in its last throes of destitution and vice; yet see how gambling institutions flourish there! What with open Fan-tan houses, with Pak-a-piu, *Ts-fa*, and *Vy-sing* lotteries, and a dozen other kinds of games of chance, all under due Government protection, the neighbouring colony is fast approaching its social, political and moral dissolution. The same fate awaits us if we do not proscribe gambling from our midst. Speculations in the local shares, indulgence in the so-called games of chance and skill combined, and race course betting, possess a sufficiently deplorable nature to deter us from trying our hand at foreign lotteries.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be a game of Polo at Causeway Bay to-morrow at 4 p.m.

H.M.S. *Mutine* returned to Shanghai on the 4th inst. from the river ports.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Gladius*, from Liverpool, left Singapore this morning, and is due here on the 19th inst.

The Comandant of the Hongkong Volunteers has made the following promotions:—Corporals Dade and Braithwood to be Sergeants, Gunners Henderson, Powell, Macell, Duncan, and Collins, to be Corporals.

Mr. FYFE, an engineer who is well-known in Japan and Shanghai, is in Shanghai, having been engaged by the Customs as dredging master and engineer of the *Anding* in the proposed operations on the Woosung Bar.

The *Japan Mail* considers it very probable that Sir John Walsam will be sent as Minister to Washington and Mr. Fraser to Peking instead of Tokio. "The latter appointment," it says, "would be eminently suitable, but the fitness of things does not play an important part in Foreign Office nominations."

The *N. C. Daily News* reports that on the morning of the 1st inst. an accident happened on the river. The *Alvina Syd* arrived and anchored at 10.0 off the C.M.S.N. Co.'s lower wharf in order to go alongside. The flood tide was running very strong, and the steamer swung round so rapidly that she could not be stopped, and she drifted on top of some ballast junks alongside the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Sutlej*, 1,800 tons, which were badly damaged, broke adrift, and three of them afterwards sank. As soon as the accident was noticed, the steam pinnace from the U.S.S. *Marion* was sent to render assistance, and took two of the drifting junks in tow, but when in the "chow chow" water off the Garden, the tow line fouled the propeller of the pinnace thus disabling her, so that junks and pinnace drifted helplessly up to the E-wo Jetty, where they stranded. It is reported that one Chinaman was drowned.

SAYS an exchange:—The average minimum of the thermometer in Shanghai during December was 42deg. 04sec. the average maximum 54deg. 70sec. and the mean 48deg. 37sec. against 36deg. 41sec. 54deg. 55sec. and 45deg. 48sec. respectively in the same month in 1887. It is noticeable that there was not one night in December last in which the mercury touched 32deg. in this settlement, while there were eight nights in December, 1887, in which it descended to and below freezing point. The rainfall in December was 0.99 inch, against 0.02 inch in December, 1887, and an average of 0.72 inch for the six years 1882-87. There were six days on which rain fell in measurable quantity in December last, against only one in December, 1887, and an average of 4 days for the six years 1882-87. The total rainfall in the settlement in 1888 was 39.27 inches against 48.46 inches in 1887, and an average of 50.35 inches for the six years 1882-87; but there were 110 rainy days in 1888, against 86 in 1887, and an average 112 for the six years 1882-87.

JUST as everybody got to bed last night the fire-bells began to tinkle furiously to let them know that No. 195 Queen's Road West was on fire. It was a three storied shop about 150 yards past the lower entrance to the Civil Hospital, the ground floor being occupied by a chandlery, the upper stories by a chandlery dealer. It promised well at the beginning, the stock of explosives going off merrily, and very soon the whole premises were flaming from top to bottom. The contents of the upper rooms, however, were disappointingly unflammable, and the only hope of the spectators was that the tongues of fire which were running along the adjoining verandahs would find more substantial prey. For a time this looked likely, as the Brigades seemed a tremendous time getting the water up, and the first feeble jet or two was poured into the glowing ruins, regardless of the danger to the other houses. No. 197, a general dealer's, was well alight in the first floor before long, and it looked as though it would be an all-night job for the firemen, the hose twisting and bursting, and going wrong generally. Suddenly a jet swept through the fiery ruins from the rear, where a good stream had been laid on, and in a few moments several more were at work. The glow disappeared almost instantly, and in ten minutes everybody was free to go back to bed again. No. 195 was destroyed, No. 197 considerably damaged, and No. 197 slightly so.

In the absence of any other interesting matter the *Offertory Organ* issued in Wyndham Street favored its solitary subscriber last night with some "Interesting Revelations" respecting the "Frenchman named M. de Mayrena," calling himself the King of the Sedangs, "coupled with a translation of a vilifying article from another missionary organ. M. de Mayrena, King of the Sedangs, can defend himself—will probably do so, in fact, before long—but, in the meantime, we must in fairness ask the small portion of the public that have read the so-called Revelations to believe them, rather less than they do the original Revelations of that first of journalists, St. John, or at least to suspend their judgment until the refutation is published. A more damaging concatenation of lies, linked with tiny harmless truths, we have never seen, notwithstanding our long experience of that accomplished fraud "Browne" and the probable incapacity of his colleagues to write anything truthful.

We extract the following from Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s Freight Market Report dated Shanghai the 4th inst:—Since our last circular was published on the 21st ultimo the Christmas and New Year holidays have intervened with the usual result that business generally has been almost at a standstill and the freight market consequently affected. In the coasting trade there has been a slight demand for sailing vessels for Foochow to this, and two or three have been settled, we hear at fairly favorable rates. For Nagasaki-Shanghai there has only been one settlement to note. The British ship *Anglo-India* has received orders from home to proceed to Illo-Ilo to load Sugar and Hemp for New York; she sails in a few days. The American ship *Pactolus* has taken the berth here for New York. This will leave the *Martha* the only sailing vessel disengaged in port. For London, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal.—The Mutual Line steamship *Oopack* sailed on the 25th ultimo, leaving the berth to Mails and Hols, the former taking cargo at 55s. and the latter at 50s. The steamship *Telemachus* will be dispatched on the 9th instant. The steamship *Monmouthshire* for London and Hamburg is due about the 12th instant. For New York, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal.—The berth is entirely vacant and there will not be a steamer for some time. The *Yorkshire* sailed on the 29th ultimo, taking only a small quantity of cargo at 60s. The *Duke of Westminster* is due from Japan on or about the 23rd instant, her rate will be the same. The American ship *State of Maine* is now ready to take in cargo, as her space has all been taken up, she will sail very shortly. The American ship *Pactolus* follows. Departures for London via Suez Canal.—Mutual Line steamship *Oopack* (via Foochow) and Hols' steamship *Sarpedon* (via Amoy and Swatow) on the 25th ultimo. Departures for New York via Amoy and Suez Canal.—The steamship *Lennox* on the 22nd and steamship *Yorkshire* on the 29th ultimo. Quotations are:—Newchwang to Swatow, season closed. Chefoo to Swatow, 13 Mex. cents per picul, small demand. Nagasaki to Shanghai, \$1.70 per ton of Coal nett, for steamers; \$1.70 ex-ship, for sailing vessels. Settlement during the fortnight.—*Cito*, German steamer, 387 tons register, Nagasaki to Shanghai, \$1.70 per ton Coal, quick dispatch. Disengaged vessel in port.—*Martha*, British barque, 855 tons register for sale.

SAYS the *Japan Mail* of the 27th ulto:—Within the past three weeks the Tokyo share market has been inundated by a wave of extraordinary activity. In former years when ten thousand shares changed hands in a single day, the event used to be thought so remarkable that the members of the Exchange made it the occasion of a festival. But three times within the present month the old limit has been reached and passed. On the 8th instant, the number of shares dealt in was 11,827; on the 18th, it reached 15,800, and on the 19th, 12,580. Such activity is of all things least expected at the fall of the year, for in Japan at that season people usually think more of settling their accounts and putting their affairs in order than of dealing in shares. Of course the effect upon shares themselves has been to push them upwards. To what extent this has occurred will be seen from the following figures:—

Selling Price	Selling Price	
on 3rd inst.	on 19th inst.	
Yen.	Yen.	
Japan Mail S. S. Company.....	85.50	85.50
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.....	100.00	100.00
Kaifu Railway.....	100.00	100.00
Yokohama Specie Exchange.....	100.00	100.00
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Kharke to prepare a draft application, as his appointment was a matter of course. Shangkai Ramlundun Bant (in the next case) dyed that he went to Mr. Crawford on some business. Mr. Crawford, asked Rs. 1,000, which witness gave. On a subsequent occasion, witness went to Mr. Crawford, and he asked for another Rs. 1,000. Witness said he could only give Rs. 500, and did give that amount. Putwardan stated that he went with Kharke to Hanmantrao, but saw nothing.

ALLAHABAD, December 17th.  
At the High Court, before Mr. Justice Straight, Walter Francis Trotter, District Engineer, was placed in the dock, charged with having, on the 22nd July, at Bulundshahr, while entrusted with property, to wit, Rs. 75, in his capacity as a public servant, committed criminal breach of trust. Mr. Hill conducted the prosecution, and Mr. Alston defended. Several witnesses were examined. The case is proceeding.

MADRAS, December 17th.  
A vessel has been wrecked 60 miles east of Negapatnam. The report was made by the steamer *Olympia*, which was unable to render assistance. The steamer *Manahilly* has gone to render assistance. The *Unballa* has arrived at Madras, with four boats lost, and other injuries, during a recent cyclone south of Madras.

POONA, December 18th.  
The thirty-third case was proceeded with to-day. A number of cases being taken of indebtedness by Mr. Crawford to several people carrying on business in Poona and Bombay as money-lenders, in sums ranging from twenty thousand to two thousand. Some of the money has been repaid, and decrees taken out for the balance. Ganesh Chinnajee Wad, Manuldar, stated that Mr. Crawford borrowed 500 from him at Bhusawal in March 1887, and that the money had not been repaid.

MADRAS, December 18th.  
The appeal to the High Court by the late Deputy Collector of Calicut and his brother against their conviction and sentences for bribery was dismissed to-day, the sentences being confirmed.

## NORTH BORNEO NEWS.

## SANDAKAN.

The late Acting Governor, Mr. W. M. Crocker, has become a Director of the London, Borneo Tobacco Company.

The failure of the successful growth of Tobacco at Sank, Sumatra, has entailed a heavy loss on Amsterdam and Rotterdam investors.

Messrs. F. E. Abrahamson & Co. have been granted conditionally two lots of 5,000 acres of land in the vicinity of the Padar River, West Coast District.

The Court of Directors have purchased 3 Bales of the Ranow Tobacco Crop to compete for the 550 pipes offered by the London Chamber of Commerce, in December next.

Dr. Lamb recently visited the Lahad Ditu Estate, Darvel Bay, and reports 19 coolies sick out of 35. The crop gathered is pronounced excellent and operations for next year's planting have already been commenced.

Good accounts come in from all the East and West Coast estates, the quality of the tobacco in Darvel Bay being considered particularly good. The health of the coolies too is most satisfactory, there being very few cases of beriberi or fever.

The Penik Government Gazette of the 13th No. notice, that a Tender for three years, of \$1,435,100 per annum, has been received for the Penik Revenue Farms from January 1889, being an increase of a little over 97 per cent. on previous years.

Coffee planting is in active progress on the Trading and Planting Co's, Segalid estate. The samples of tobacco produced there are of very good quality and judging from the fine quality of the fruit of some trees found in the jungle, cocoa is likely to do well.

The arrival of large consignments of coolies has revealed an urgent necessity for coolie depots and the question is now receiving the attention of Government. But as some planters prefer the Captain China method of Deal it is doubtful which system will finally be decided on.

Steam communication is becoming more frequent every month and residents now expect to receive their English mail weekly instead of in a batch as formerly. The aggregate tonnage of the Shipping Company, entering and leaving Sandakan last month was 11,265 tons against 6,676 tons in January last.

A steamer, flying the French flag, was seen entering the harbour on the 22nd November last. On enquiry it was found to be the steamer *Y. Baptista*, 197 tons, Captain Giequel. She has been chartered by an enterprising Chinaman to run between Singapore, North Borneo Ports, Berau and Bulungan.

The East Borneo Company is not letting grass grow under its feet, jungle has been cleared and sheds erected as if by magic and too coolies recently obtained on comparatively small advances from the West Coast near Gaya. These men are giving every satisfaction and other planters might follow Mr. Abrahamson's example with advantage thereby avoiding the heavy advances paid to Chinese and Javanese, and all risk of loss from desertions.

It is intended to take the Census of Sandakan and outstations during next month, and as it is a matter of interest, all concerned, we need every assistance will be rendered by the public to make the returns as reliable and interesting as possible. The Census of Sandakan will in the first instance include the Town limits only viz: Collinsons Hill on the East, Crocker Bridge on the West and on the North Mr. Pryer's fence on the Beatrice Estate. The census of the Bay will follow.

The steamer *Ban Watt Hia* chartered to bring coolies from Singapore for work on the Segaman Estate, Darvel Bay, arrived at Sandakan on the 28th ult. The steamer appears to have had a very unfortunate voyage. A fire was discovered two days out from Singapore but luckily was put out before much damage was done.

The passengers who consisted of five Europeans, 160 coolies and the Captain and crew of the ship are to be congratulated on their escape especially as we learn the ship carried only three boats of moderate size. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. [The *Ban Watt Hia* was lost on December 5th on her voyage from Singapore to Sandakan. —Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

During the greater part of the month of November the weather at Sandakan has been dry and the heat often trying at midday but the light showers of rain during the night have been sufficient to refresh vegetation and to temper the land breeze. No heavy rain has fallen here for months and on the whole the season has been most favourable to the tobacco crops. Indeed those who ought to be best able to judge, the superior quality of the British North Borneo tobacco chiefly, if not altogether, the long autumnal droughts broken as they generally are by light nocturnal showers at pretty regular intervals. But the rumblings of thunder, the cloud-cast sky and heavy showers of the last few days foretell the approach of the rainy season.

## KUDAK.

Many of the Estates are still cutting tobacco. Fact which surprises visitors accustomed to the earlier seasons in Dull.

Rain has fallen frequently and though the weather is decidedly cooler, the North East Monsoon has not yet set in with any regularity.

Mr. Ester S. Hui lately acting General Manager for the Rotterdam Borneo Tobacco Estates, leaves Marudu Bay on the 1st December to take charge of the East Borneo Tobacco Company lately formed in Hongkong.

The new Wharf is finished and is a fine substantial structure, available for the largest vessels on the Borneo Trade. The *Mennon* lay alongside on her late visit, and a discharged her cargo and 150 coolies in less than an hour.

The Acting Resident West Coast District, Mr. D. Daly accompanied by Mrs. Daly left in the *Kimanis* on the 14th October en route for Province Dent, Labuan and Brunei, whither he proceeded on a diplomatic mission under instructions from His Excellency the Governor.

The *Parana* arrived on the 4th Dec. bringing with her the Count and Countess Geloos d'Elsoo; also Count Paul Geloos, and a large staff of gentlemen, who have already commenced operations on the London Borneo Tobacco Estate adjoining the Count's Estate at Ranow, Marudu Bay.

Charter-Day was suitably observed on the 1st November. A general holiday was proclaimed, the flagstaff dressed with bunting, and a native dance, got up by the Officers and some of the Tobacco Planters, proved a very amusing way of spending the evening. Actors and spectators alike, entering into the spirit of the fun.

Two of the leading Hanks Chinese Traders left in the *Mennon* for Hongkong in order to buy more stock, and to escort several of their friends here, who have applied to the Government for passag-tickets at the reduced rate of fares, obtainable from the subsidised Company. The object of the intending emigrants is to plant Pepper on the rich lands round Kudat Harbour.

Mr. G. Klump continues his indefatigable search for land for tobacco and is, we understand, satisfied with some land adjoining the British Borneo Trading and Planting Co's land on the Bulu river in Sandakan Bay. The Bay has been much neglected by land prospectors chiefly because the frontage land have been previously sold but there is no doubt that good land can be found at the back of the lands already sold, as was done by Mr. J. van Gogh, and the facilities for obtaining labor and supplies afforded by the proximity to Sandakan will, we think, more than counterbalance the cost of the road required which at \$300 a mile need not be more than \$1,000.—*British North Borneo Herald*, December 1st, 1888.

## CHARTER-DAY AT SANDAKAN.

A Sandakan contemporary gives the following interesting account of a dinner given by the Governor of British North Borneo. It may contain one or two points that would be useful at another Government House.

His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Creagh entertained the Officials, residents, and visitors on the evening of Charter-Day, November 1st. Mrs. Creagh deserved and received the coolest congratulations on a great success. With a temperature about 80° it would be a poor compliment to speak of warm congratulations. Adjectives must give place to latitude. The secret of the success (colonial papers please note) was great mercy. Picture the old times and the new.

Old Time. The perspiring sun has just gone to bathe in the western sea, leaving the air trembling with heat, and the thermometer a-tiptoe. Guests assemble. Dinner. Torpidity. Some discontent, owing to those who can't speak speaking, and those who can speak wanting to. More drowsiness. Adjournment of phlegmatic torpids to enjoy themselves and look lively. A python can't do it.

New Time. Atmospheric indications unchanged. Guests assemble. Hostess's smile the real nerve-stringing pick-me-up. No dinner, no penetrating perfidious perfumes from smoking joints and steaming vegetables, no heart-burnings lest 7 shouldn't be asked to speak and he should, no *mauvais quart-d'heure*, no flexion of the depressor anguli oris muscle (as the doctor lucidly remarks) indicative of dullness; but, instead, a delectable vista of a far-off supper table, cool and refreshing as the scenic arc of Milan, but more satisfying, cool with piles of delicacies, bright with flowers. Everyone joyful at once for their meal, the unpleasantness of ham is cancelled by green glistening leaves, and salads seem to lower the temperature with glacier-like appetising dressing. There the shy man may feed when no one is looking, and the greedy man get four suppers without being found out. Oh! let us petition for a rectification of our charter. Hongkong got it, why shouldn't we? Let our gracious Queen make it compulsory on all Governors to give us suppers like this, and let the dread edict go forth that any Governor guilty of inflicting a dinner before a dance, in any latitude less than 40° N., be condemned to four years chronic dyspepsia; and above all, make every Governor graduate in matrimony. Petition, citizens, stand steadfast and fear not.

How we did dance! Those who could, and those who couldn't. How our musicians did play! Those who could, and those who couldn't. How we did sing! Those who could, and those who couldn't. How enjoyable it all was! Then what games we played, round games, square games, games of all shapes. Didn't "our only scientific" amuse us with what he called acoustic delusions in the median aural plane, and what we called child's play! And didn't the Cadet Department exhibit their matchless treasures of statuary, and wasn't it weak, wobbly and wonderful! Ah, me, how the hours did fly, till the eastern clouds grew restless, and showed signs of waking up. And if we didn't cheer, after Sir Roger de Coverly and the National Anthem, till the new roof shook its attaps in sympathy, why then it was all a delightful dream, and may we have many more of them.

## JAVA NEWS.

(From the Java papers.)  
The present Governor General has given orders that, on the occurrence of vacancies, the names of officers on half pay are to be first submitted to him. There are instances of such officers who have waited years for re-employment, and in spite of all their efforts, are still staring with their wives and children.

The experiments recently made in Achene with carrier-pigeons do not seem to have met with great success; for in view of the despatch of a person, a consignment of a circular has been round the Garrison of Batavia, asking if any of the officers or men have any special knowledge of the management of these messengers.

The *Batavia Handelsblad* states that of the hundred and sixty men who form the Garrison of Muntok, no less than eighty-seven have been admitted into hospital, suffering from beriberi. Twelve soldiers were sent to Batavia on the 18th instant. If they were alive when they arrived, they were sent to the hospital at Buitenzorg for treatment.

Sik, a constable, formerly stationed at Tanas Abang, charged with having accepted a bribe to allow two prisoners to escape, was yesterday sentenced to five years hard labour in chains.

for the offence. Two other constables, attached to the same division, who were accused of being accessory to the offence, were acquitted.

An anonymous letter in Malay, containing details of the flight of the fugitive, the disguised 'chap ki ki' game he recently been carried to Batavia, has induced the Assistant Resident to give instructions to the 'Major China' to take all possible precautions against its further spread.

By the B. I. steamer *Dacca* one hundred and seventy-three Javanese coolies recently returned to Batavia, having completed their contracts to work for three years in Queensland. We are informed that their savings may be estimated at £20 a man. This may, indeed, be considered riches, when we remember that the common Javan, after thirty years work in his own country, has nothing. And yet Java is considered a rich country.

The post of head of a village, as is well known, is an unpaid one, and one which, nevertheless, gives the holder plenty of work and that sometimes of no means an agreeable nature, yet persons willing to accept it are found; Europeans are thereby exempted from the dejected service in the 'Schutterij,' while Chinese look upon it as a first step in the ladder which leads to the rank of officer. With Arabs, however, matters are otherwise; and they try by hook or by crook, to get rid of the appointment.

An instance has recently occurred, the head village chief at Petojo, Said Ahmad bin Muhammad Shatio, having tendered his resignation on account of 'pressure of business.'

A bill has recently been introduced by the Dutch Government for regulating the travelling expenses and lodging allowances of members of the First, and the travelling expenses of those of the Second Chamber. The former may not only charge their travelling expenses by rail, boat or other public conveyance, inclusive of charges for luggage, but also cab hire to and from the station, provided the payments have been actually made. The allowance for each day that they attend the sittings of the Chamber is fixed at ten florins. Members of the second Chamber may make similar charges, on account of their journey to and fro, but only once during each sitting of the Chamber.

## FORMOSA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)  
TAMSUI, December 26th, 1888.  
From this quiet place news is scarce. Everything is quiet, and we are all enjoying our holidays in peace.

The *Feuchien* left for Piam on the 16th inst. with 500 soldiers on board, as well as the new Mandarin appointed for that place. It is to be hoped that under his management and tax collection no fresh revolt may occur.

The *Pechili* arrived here from your port on the 18th inst. She brought four large guns for the fort here, one 43-ton, one 23 tons, and two 15 tons, all Armstrong breech-loaders. She discharged and landed the guns all safely, and is now discharging the carriages belonging to the guns, and in a few days will leave for your port.

On the 19th inst. we had a strong north-east gale, accompanied by heavy rain, and since then the weather has continued fine, with early morning and evening chilly.

The only vessels in port are the *Formosa* and *Pichili*—*Mercury*.

## NINGPO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)  
NINGPO, 20th December, 1888.  
The coming of the New-Year is bringing us splendid weather. 'Shootists' are having real good sport; a visitor from Shanghai, a member, I am told, of one of the big firms, a right good sportsman, has made one or two good bags; the one which came under my notice was the result of a day's shooting and consisted of six brace of pheasants, a turkey buzzard, and a fine fowl.

On the departure of the steamship *Tungchow* all the Ningpo 'leading-lights' (with due apologies to your correspondent of the 25th instant for making use of one of his pet expressions) turned out 'en masse' to bid adieu to one of their fraternity who is on his way to Canton on promotion. The customary strings of Chinese fire-crackers were heard casting their bombastic sounds, to give him a good send off, and wish him *un bon voyage*.

Shall I 'lead you to light' on the name of this individual who caused all this commotion? No! ask one of the leading-lights oh! I mean lamp-posts. We will drink his health and wish him every prosperity and success.

There is still a great competition between the rival steamers. We are expecting every day to hear the Chinese fare reduced to 10 cents.—*Mercury*.

## HANKOW.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Wednesday, 12th December, was a red letter day in the little Mission Settlement at the end of Hankow. The gateway of the mission premises was decorated *à la Chinoise* with many coloured bunting and sundry official chairs alighted at the door. The steam-tug kindly lent for the occasion might have been seen carefully threading its way up the river Han with a house-boat full of foreign friends in tow.

The occasion was the opening of the first Mission Hospital for women and children in Hankow.

The presence of H.B.M. Consul, C. F. R. Allen, and the support he has given to the institution brought a representative of H.E. the Tao-tai, together with the Subprefect and other Chinese officials who inspected the building and expressed their admiration of the internal arrangements.

At 12.30 an inaugural meeting was held in the Waiting Room of the Hospital. Prayer was offered for the blessing of God on the institution, and H.B.M. Consul was invited to preside. After expressing his cordial interest in all Christian and charitable work, and urging the claims of this institution, he declared the Hospital open. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. A. Foster of the London Mission, and the Rev. Bishop Boone. At the close of the meeting some sixty foreign friends together with a few Chinese ladies and gentry sat down to luncheon in the large ward of the Hospital—and in the evening a crowded meeting of Chinese Christians was also held.

On the three following days it was thought advisable to show the building open for the inspection of the public, and several thousands of the Chinese from all the neighbourhood around visited the place and passed through the wards, and the order and friendliness of these crowds told how much a kindly recognition on the part of H.B.M. Consul and the Chinese authorities may help towards amicable relations with the people and foster confidence in missionary work.

The presentation of a gift tablet on the part of the Chinese Church, of Chinese lamps on the part of the Chinese women and of a worked coverlet on the part of young English friends all added interest to the opening ceremony.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Soul, December 17th, 1888.

We are always very uncertain as to how and by what steamers to send our mails, but by my correspondence being reproduced in the columns of your valuable journal, sometime or other, I cannot help observing that you receive it, occasionally either via Japan or Cholon. With the latter place we now enjoy regular communication per Chinese steamer *Kwangchi*, and Japanese *Tsuruga Maru*; and with Japan via *Kaisan* and *Cole*, per *Higo Maru*, via Fusan, while by the Chinese steamer, the *Tsuruga Maru*, we have direct communication, during the winter, with Nagasaki.

There is reason to believe that the Municipal elections in Chemulpo will be somewhat modified. I hear that the German Consul-General, Mr. Krien, is opposed to the election of Mr. Schönicke as a Municipal Councillor, and justly so; in spite of all his verbal and written canvassing, Mr. Schönicke, the acting Commissioner of Customs at our seaport, who is actually an assistant in the Chinese Customs, succeeded in obtaining nine votes, as a Municipal Councillor, by Japanese, two by some of his own subordinates, and the ninth vote is not known, but it is generally supposed that the ninth vote secured by him was his own. Why he should have forced himself upon the community as a candidate is only comprehensible on the supposition that he wanted to create upon his lord and maker, Sir Robert, the impression of his great popularity in Chemulpo; nobody really has much of a grudge against him in that place, except on this occasion. The land regulations read, in plain English, that nobody expect a registered landowner shall be entitled to vote at Municipal elections. Since there is not the slightest doubt that the illegal election of Mr. Schönicke will be cancelled, it is generally supposed that either Mr. C. Walter, the next on the list, must take his place, or that the whole of the election business must be cancelled, started anew, or that the land regulations must be re-framed, which latter certainly would be the wisest plan. But considering the snail-pace of Municipal affairs in Chemulpo, such a course could certainly not be expected within the present century; and perhaps it is better for the Chemulpo-lancers to jog along with what they have got and be thankful for small mercies, and leave something for the next generation to fight for. There is very little floating ice off Mapoo, three miles from here, and six miles from Chemulpo. At the latter place there is none at all. Excuse me, I just hear there are plenty water-fowl on the river, and I must go to 'berth' some of them. Chin-chin.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co's Register.)  
December 31st.  
As you are aware, we have no foreign press, and you will readily understand that if we have any grievance to ventilate we must go elsewhere. The *Shanghai Mercury* being extensively read amongst foreigners in Korea, I am aware that every little complaint frequently finds an echo in the columns of your valuable paper, as far as Korea is concerned. For instance, I note that several correspondents, both from Chemulpo and the Capital, have aired their views regarding the illegality of the Commissioner of Customs at Chemulpo, being elected as a Municipal Councillor, although he is a landowner, and any landowner is eligible to serve on the Council. Perhaps your correspondents in Chemulpo will be satisfied now; Mr. Schönicke, having resigned his seat on the Council, but without some pressure having been brought to bear on him by his Consul. Some people even think that Sir R. Hart has given the benefit of his opinion on the subject, but that I consider unlikely, unless it has been done by telegraph, the Pehoi river navigation being now practically closed, as I understand. Our own river may be considered still clear of ice, small floating flocks excepted. Lots of good shooting here now, especially water-fowl.

Chemulpo, Dec. 26th.  
As you can imagine, things are very quiet here in Chemulpo. The Commissioner gave the European members of the staff a dinner on Christmas night, at which all were present and spent a pleasant evening. *Nous autres barbares* had a jolly good time of it too.

Steinbeck's Bowling Saloon was opened yesterday, and they did a roaring and rolling business.

News arrived from Soul yesterday that the German Consulate there was burned down on Christmas Eve, but I have not yet heard the particulars. We are still experiencing the most beautiful weather you could imagine at this time of year; just a gentle snow, rain, or heavy blows for some time past; just a gentle frost during the nights, and the days simply splendid.

I suppose you have heard that Mr. Schönicke has tendered his resignation as a member of the Municipality.

Everybody is quite well and all join in wishing you and your readers a happy and prosperous New Year, all the compliments of the season, and many happy returns of the same.

As far as my information goes, there is no political significance in the matter of the burning down of the German Consulate, and no intentional incendiarism is concerned. It is said to be a matter of sheer accident. A vague rumour has it that it was caused by the blaze of the Christmas tree, but that I consider very unlikely. Politically there is nothing doing here, and so is the *s. s. Velox*, now in harbour; she does nothing. Some ways say she is to take the King and Royal family to the Sulphur Springs in Japan. Another *canard* is that she is to take the Royal family and suite to Hongkong, to view the Peak Tramway; but that much is certain that somebody is making a fine pile out of the charter of the *s. s. Velox*. Some people say that she is chartered at \$4,000, others have it that she is in monthly charter for \$4,500.

No ice yet in the harbour; I have nothing to add except to wish you good self and the readers of the *Shanghai Mercury* the complement of the season.

## TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)  
Tientsin, 8th December.  
From Honan I learn that the Ching Chow gale is almost closed. On the 24th ult. only 180 feet remained open. This I learn was on account of the breach at Jung Tse, through which the Yellow River now discharges. The breach at Ching Chow is now dry and therefore easily closed; but the question is how about closing the Jung Tse gap, which is situated in a sand bed.

From Peking I learn that His Excellency Marquis Taeng has been appointed Governor of Honan, which really means that the Yellow River will have to be closed by foreign aid and method. If this is really the case, of course Taeng is the best and only man fitted to be in charge of the river. According to report here, Taeng is pleading hard not to be appointed, but it is said that H. Majesty is firm on the subject.

H. E. Cheu Cheng-teh, appointed as the official director of the Tung-chow Tientsin Railway, in place of H. E. Chow-lin. The editor for the Tung-chow line authorizes foreign capital, and I hear the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank tendered yesterday to supply the needful at 7 1/2 per cent.

The *Chinese Times*, the issue of Saturday last, has just ice on the ponds, and not only that but has actually played skaters on the ice. The pond many to play on, but the pond is too small.

they failed to discover the ice. This piece of information came from the Mysterious One. Instead of ice we have had quite warm weather. I see nothing in our local paper about the tenders for the Tung-chow railway, yet I am certain the editor knows that someone has tendered at Tia. 4,000 per ft., but another party has stepped in with a tender of Tia. 2,200 per ft. By what I can make out, it requires 66 tons of rails and sleepers per ft., and these delivered at Tientsin at £7 per ton, at 4s. 4d., comes to Tia. 2125, 20 a ft.—so there is not much to be made out of it.—*Mercury*.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

7th January, 1889.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.	Thermometer in shade in degrees Fahrenheit.	Thermometer in sun in degrees Fahrenheit.	Direction and Force of Wind.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
Whitlock	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Tsao	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Nagasaki	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Shanghai	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Amoy	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Hankow	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Beiping	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Yokohama	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Manila	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	

8th January, 1889.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.	Thermometer in shade in degrees Fahrenheit.	Thermometer in sun in degrees Fahrenheit.	Direction and Force of Wind.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
Whitlock	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Tsao	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Nagasaki	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Shanghai	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Amoy	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Hankow	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Beiping	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Yokohama	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	
Manila	30.13	58	68	W. 10	b	

The barometer has fallen in the northern and risen in the south. Gradients for north-east winds are decreasing. Overcast, cold and rather dry weather prevails.

Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Thermometer in shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

Thermometer in sun in degrees Fahrenheit.

Direction and Force of Wind.

State of Sky.

Remarks.

Hongkong Observatory, 8th January, 1889.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA CHOM KLAO"

Captain W. H. Walton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at 8 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1889.

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O. BACHRACH, Agent.



## Commercial.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—164 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.  
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 38 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$223 per share, buyers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—1721 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$66 per share, buyers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$195 per share, sellers.  
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$85 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$88 per share, buyers.  
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.  
 Punjani and Sanghi Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$ per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—75 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—250 per cent. premium, nominal.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.  
 The Seng Lee Planting Co., Ltd.—\$39 per share, sellers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$65 per share, sales and buyers.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/6 1/2  
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/6 1/2  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/6 1/2  
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/6 1/2  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/6 1/2  
 ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/7 1/2  
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/6 1/2  
 ON INDIA, T. T. 223  
 On Demand 223 1/2  
 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 7 1/2  
 Private, 30 days' sight 7 1/2

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul, \$630  
 (Allowance, Tals 4 to 32).  
 OLD MALWA, per picul, \$600  
 (Allowance, Tals 10 to 32).  
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$580  
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$582 1/2  
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$593 1/2  
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$575  
 NEW BENGAL, (without choice) per chest \$557 1/2  
 NEW BENGAL, (bottom) per chest \$550  
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$570  
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$500  
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul \$475

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bengal*, with the English mail, left Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 9th.  
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American mail of 8th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 3rd instant for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 9th.  
 THE CANADIAN MAIL.  
 The Canadian Pacific steamer *Batavia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 25th ultimo for Japan and Hongkong.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kashgar*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is due here on the 8th instant.  
 The D. D. R. steamer *Hesperia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is expected here on the 9th.  
 The steamer *Prospérité* left Singapore on the morning of the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 12th.

## Shipping.

ARRIVALS.  
 AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. A. Bruhn, 7th Jan., Haiphong 4th Jan., and Hoihow 6th, General and Rice—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
 CALEDONIAN, French steamer, 2632, H. de Maubeuge, 7th Jan., Shanghai 5th Jan., Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.  
 NAMKIAN, British steamer, 999, McKechine, 7th Jan., Singapore 29th Dec., and Hoihow 6th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 MYRMIDON, British steamer, 1100, H. Foley, 8th Jan., 8th Jan., Manila 2nd Jan., and January.  
 SOOCHOW, British steamer, 999, Nelson, 7th Jan., Swatow 6th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 POSIDON, Austro-Hungarian, 2512, S. Messrs, 8th Jan., Trieste 2nd Nov., and Singapore 1st January, General—Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1517, A. de St. Croix, 8th Jan., Calcutta 22nd Dec., and Singapore 31st, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 FOKIEN, British steamer, 509, J. Lewis, 8th Jan., Tamsui 4th January, Amoy 6th, and Swatow 7th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
 VORWAERTS, German steamer, 612, J. Bruhn, 8th Jan., Tournon, and Hoihow 7th Jan., General—Wielers & Co.  
 PERING, British steamer, 954, G. Heuermann, 8th Jan., Shanghai 5th Jan., General—Siemssen & Co.  
 AMOY, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 8th Jan., Shanghai 5th Jan., Rice—Siemssen & Co.  
 KELLY, British bark, 803, Land, 8th Jan., Haiphong 7th December, Ballast—D. Musso & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.  
 SOOCHOW, British steamer, for Swatow.  
 OCEANIC, British steamer, for Macao, &c.  
 CHONGYANG, British steamer, for Swatow.  
 FUSHIKI MARU, Japanese steamer, for Kutchino.  
 CHEANG HYE TING, British steamer, for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.  
 January 7, *Himalaya*, British troopship, for Singapore.  
 January 8, *Kong Beng*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.  
 January 8, *Benlawers*, British steamer, for Kobe.  
 January 8, *Wielers*, German str., for Swatow.  
 January 8, *Formosa*, British str., for Swatow.  
 January 8, *Anton*, German str., for Hoihow, &c.  
 January 8, *Oceanic*, British steamer, for Yokohama, &c.  
 January 8, *Peking*, German str., for Whampoa.  
 January 8, *Ingraham*, German steamer, for Swatow, &c.  
 January 8, *Apenrade*, German steamer, for Nagasaki.  
 January 8, *Norden*, Norwegian steamer, for Port Said.  
 PASSENGERS—ARRIVED:  
 Per *Amoy*, str. from Shanghai—Mr. G. W. Dillberg and 10 Chinese.  
 Per *Wingsang*, str. from Calcutta, &c.—Mrs. Gaspar, 2 Master Gaspar and 2 servants, and 33 Chinese.  
 Per *Peking*, str. from Shanghai—68 Chinese.  
 Per *Fokien*, str. from Tamsui, &c.—Messrs. J. Schuter, E. E. Smith, and J. Noodt, 1 European and 77 Chinese.  
 Per *Amigo*, str. from Haiphong, &c.—21 Chinese.  
 Per *Soochow*, str. from Swatow—18 Chinese.  
 Per *Namkian*, str. from Singapore, &c.—509 Chinese.  
 Per *Posidon*, str. from Trieste, &c.—6 Europeans and 205 Chinese.  
 Per *Caledonian*, str. from Shanghai for Hongkong—Mrs. L. Heine, Messrs. W. H. Wickham and Stempel, and 3 Chinese.  
 Per *Wooching*—Mrs. H. R. Smith, Messrs. A. C. Marshall, K. Fujita, Ohimaru, Joseph Davey, Yatabe, and Mr. H. Mabuchi's servant.  
 Per *Shanghai* for Singapore—Mr. E. A. Bush, For Marselles—Mr. and Mrs. Brandt, G. Girault, F. West, and Marcus Synnot.  
 Per *Wooching* for Saigon—Mr. Lambert. For Singapore—Mr. T. Nakagawa (Japan Consul), Messrs. C. B. Crouse and S. R. Magnard.  
 Per *Marselles*—Mrs. Hissa Oyama, Mr. Ed. Shepherd and son, Messrs. T. Oyama, A. Preuliche, Maruno, J. Yamada, N. Koma-i, O. Takahashi, K. Nishio, S. Nakashima, and Mr. K. Yamakawa's servant.  
 DEPARTED.  
 Per *Oceanic*, str. for Yokohama—Dr. R. H. Thibault and native servant, Messrs. G. H. Stowbridge, A. J. Vantine, Man Lee and child.  
 For San Francisco—Messrs. H. L. Hutchinson and C. H. Lombard. For London—Mrs. Veitch and infant.

REPORTS.  
 The British steamship *Soochow* reports that she left Swatow on the 6th instant. Had strong monsoon with heavy sea and gloomy weather.  
 The British steamship *Wingsang* reports that she left Calcutta on the 22nd ultimo, and Singapore on the 31st. Had strong monsoon and heavy sea from lat. 7° north to port.

The German steamship *Peking* reports that she left Shanghai on the 3rd instant. Had fresh north-east wind to Pekingian; from there had north-east and northerly wind; the latter part of the voyage had fresh north-north-west wind with cloudy and overcast weather throughout.

The British steamship *Namkian* reports that she left Singapore on the 19th ultimo at noon. Had fine weather and smooth sea to 18 north latitude to Hoihow; thence strong north-east wind and head sea; arrived at Hoihow on the 5th instant, and discharged one hundred and eighty-nine passengers. Left at 6 a.m. on the 6th. Had strong north-easterly wind and high head sea to arrival.

The British steamship *Fokien* reports that she left Tamsui on the 4th instant, Amoy on the 6th, and Swatow on the 7th. From Tamsui to Amoy had strong north-north-east winds and cloudy weather with a slight sea. From Amoy to Swatow had strong north-north-east winds and squally weather with rain at intervals. From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate north-north-east breeze and fine clear weather. In Tamsui, the steamship *Smith*. In Amoy, the steamship *Yorkshire*, H.M.S. *Esper* and a Chinese Squadron. In Swatow, the steamships *Pakistan* and *Johann Brun*.

## Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE  
 For Europe, &c., Australia, India, via Madras, Per *Caledonian*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 11:00 A.M.  
 For Amoy—Per *Namkian*, to-morrow, the 9th instant at 2:30 P.M.  
 For New York via Suez Canal—Per *Yorkshire*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 3:30 P.M.  
 For Swatow, Amoy, & Fochow—Per *Haiphong*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 5:00 P.M.  
 For Haiphong—Per *Freja*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 5:00 P.M.  
 For Haiphong—Per *Clara*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 5:00 P.M.  
 For Amoy and Tamsui—Per *Fokien*, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 11:30 A.M.  
 For Amoy, Wooking, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Apenrade*, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 11:30 A.M.  
 For Saigon—Per *Duburg*, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 2:30 P.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per *Taitou*, on Friday, the 11th instant, at 11:30 A.M.  
 For Straits and Bombay—Per *Bormida*, on Monday, the 11th instant, at 11:30 A.M.  
 For Europe, &c., India, via Bombay—Per *Sutlej*, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 10:00 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per *Ancona*, on Friday, the 18th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

## STEAMERS.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3500, Geo. A. Lee, 12th Dec., Vancouver 13th Nov., and Nagasaki 8th Dec., General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 ALBANY, British steamer, 1498, E. Porter, 5th Jan., Vancouver 6th Dec., and Yokohama 29th, Mails and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 ASHINGTON, German steamer, 850, C. Zindel, 3rd Jan., Kutchino 29th Dec., Coals—Siemssen & Co.  
 AUGUST, Norwegian steamer, 1018, P. Isberg, 6th Jan., Nagasaki 31st Dec., Coals—Takasima Colliery Co.  
 BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1890, E. De Negri, 3rd Jan., Bombay, and Singapore 24th Dec., General—Carlowitz & Co.  
 CANTON, British steamer, 1110, Bremner, 25th Dec., Swatow 24th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 CHANG HYE TING, British steamer, 923, J. G. Scott, 6th Jan., Singapore 30th Dec., General—Bun Hin Chan.  
 CLARA, German steamer, 674, Christensen, 7th Jan., Haiphong 3rd January, and Hoihow 5th, Rice—Siemssen & Co.  
 DEVONHURST, Dutch steamer, 1164, Houtkoff, 6th Jan., Batavia 20th Dec., and Singapore 27th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 DORIS, German steamer, 771, T. Raben, 7th Jan., Haiphong 4th Jan., Rice and General—Wielers & Co.  
 DUBURG, German steamer, 921, C. F. Dettel, 5th Jan., Saigon 31st Dec., General—Melchers & Co.  
 FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopan—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
 FIDELIO, German steamer, 853, H. Bransen, 3rd Jan., Haiphong 25th Dec., General—Melchers & Co.  
 FREJA, Danish steamer, 397, C. A. Lund, 30th Dec., Haiphong 28th Dec., General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
 HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1122, H. C. H. Harris, 5th Jan., Kobe 30th Dec., General and Coal—D. Lapraik & Co.  
 HAITAN, British steamer, 1182, S. Ashton, 30th Dec., Fochow 29th Dec., Amoy 28th, and Swatow 29th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
 JOHANNES BRUN, Norwegian steamer, 716, 31st Dec., Haiphong, 27th Dec., and Hoihow 28th Dec., Rice and Pies—Ed. Schellhass & Co.  
 PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1011, W. Ration, 6th Jan., Bangkok 30th Dec., Rice—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 PRUQUOC, French steamer, 183, Robin, 17th Dec., Tournon 11th December, Coal—Wing Tay.  
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopan—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
 SARTHE, French steamer, 470, Lehnede, 7th Jan., Bangkok 22nd Dec., General—A. R. Marty.  
 THIBET, British steamer, 1671, P. W. Case, 3rd Jan., Bombay 1st Dec., and Singapore 27th, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 TRIUMPH, German steamer, 677, P. Moos, 22nd Dec., Haiphong 19th Dec., and Hoihow 21st, General—Wielers & Co.  
 TRITON, German steamer, 1142, A. Bleicken, 6th Jan., Panaroc 23rd Dec., Sugar—Ed. Schellhass & Co.  
 YANGTZE, German steamer, 814, C. Tonningsen, 2nd Jan., Whampoa 2nd Jan., General—Siemssen & Co.  
 YEHSIN, Chinese steamer, 754, Buchanan, 18th Dec., Shanghai 15th Dec., Kerosine Oil—C. M. S. N. Co.

## SAILING VESSELS.

ALTAIR, British bark, 390, T. Munro, 1st Dec., Newchuan, via Amoy 28th Nov., Beans and Melon Seed—Order.  
 ARCADIA, British bark, 417, D. S. Eward, 25th Nov., Whampoa 24th Nov., General—Wielers & Co.  
 AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jessen, 5th Dec., Hoihow 18th Nov., Sanpanwood—Ed. Schellhass & Co.  
 BYLGIA, German bark, 333, P. Weiss, 16th Dec., Amoy 14th Dec., General—Wielers & Co.  
 COLOMA, American bark, 852, C. M. Wages, 24th Dec., Portland (Oregon) 2nd Nov., Lumber and Spars—Captain.  
 DANIEL BARNES, American ship, 1436, J. G. Stover, 17th Dec., Honolulu 12th Nov., Ballast—Order.  
 ESMERALDA, British sch., 150, H. T. Williams, 20th Dec., Marianas 8th Dec., General—Order.  
 ERKORNI, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.  
 IRON, French bark, 542, Régner, 24th Dec., Cebu 8th December, General—Melchers & Co.  
 JOHN NICHOLSON, British steamer, 683, W. Quine, 18th Dec., Honolulu 16th Nov., Ballast—Captain.  
 MERCUR, British brigantine, 219, Dick, 12th Dec., Amoy 11th Dec., General—Order.  
 ORIENT, German bark, 461, Gondard, 31st Dec., Amoy 29th Dec., Ballast—H. A. Peterson.  
 SARAH SKIDWAY, American bark, 821, A. Call, 29th Dec., Nagasaki 21st Dec., Coal—C. J. T. Co.  
 TARAPACA, British bark, 492, H. Kennett, 6th Dec., Sandakan 24th October, Timber—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
 VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov., Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron—Chinese.

## RIVER STEAMERS.

Faishan, British steamer, 2260, S. W. Goggins, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.  
 Hankow, British steamer, 2235, Lloyd—Butterfield & Swire.  
 Ho-nam, British steamer, 1377, G. B. Lefavour—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.  
 ICHANG, British steamer, 1250, T. Shaw—Butterfield & Swire.  
 Kiu-kiang, British steamer, 617, W. E. Clarke—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.  
 Kung-chow, British steamer, 159, Melver—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.  
 Paai, Chinese steamer, 234, J. W. Stavers—Tok Kee (aid up for repairs).  
 Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—China Merchants S. N. Co.  
 Pawan, British steamer, 1300, J. P. Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.  
 White Cloud, British steamer, 497, W. J. Risby—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

## WHAMPOA.

CHOYEANG, British steamer, 1104, Balbernie, 1st January, Shanghai 27th Dec., and Swatow 31st, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 KUN-YAT, Chinese steamer, 601, F. A. Bristow, 4th Jan., Shanghai 1st Jan., General—C. M. S. N. Co.  
 KUN-YAT, British steamer, 1461, Wood, 2nd Jan., Wuhu 29th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Kashgar	Bombay	January 8th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Hesperia	San Francisco	January 9th	Siemssen & Co.
City of Rio de Janeiro	Singapore	January 9th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Prospérité	Singapore	January 12th	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Batavia	Vancouver	January 22nd	Adamson, Bell & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Sutlej	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 16th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Telemachus	Butterfield & Swire.	January 15th.
Marsilles, via Saigon, &c.	Caledonian	Messageries Maritimes.	To-morrow, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	Jan. 20th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Posidon	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	Jan. 21st, at noon.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Bormida	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	About Jan. 14, noon.
San Francisco, via Ythama	City of Rio de Janeiro	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Jan. 17th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. &c.	Gaelic	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Jan. 26th, at 1 p.m.
Yokohama, via N'saki, &c.	Abyssinia	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 10th, at noon.
Yokohama, via N'saki, &c.	Thibet	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 11th, at noon.
Shanghai	Ancona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 18th, at noon.
Haiphong	Bengal	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Amoy and Tamsui	Clara	A. R. Marty.	Jan. 10th, daylight.
Swatow and Bangkok	Fokien	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 10th, at noon.
Coast Ports	Phra Chom Kiao	Yuen Fat Hong	Jan. 13th, at 8 a.m.
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